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BALTIMORE FELON-IN-POSSESSION SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that U.S. District Court Judge Marvin J. Garbis entered a judgment of conviction yesterday and sentenced Mark Felder, age 37, of Baltimore, Maryland to 15 years in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release in connection with the conviction of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to facts presented to the court at the time of his on May 4, 2004 guilty plea, on January 4, 2003 at approximately 1:15 a.m. two Baltimore City police officers in plain clothes and an unmarked vehicle noticed a group of people loitering in the vicinity of the 800 block Abbott Ct. The officers observed Felder standing in the middle of the block, wearing a hooded jacket, acting nervous and keeping his right hand in his pocket. As the officers' vehicle approached his location, Felder fled but not before attempting to throw away a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Upon being arrested by the officers, Felder gave a false name and date of birth in an attempt to conceal his identity and lengthy criminal record.

The case was investigated by the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATFE). The case was brought as part of the United States Attorney's Project Safe Neighborhoods and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christopher J. Romano.